kind of consolation from the fact that there is this solid appreciation of his great personality in our Council and in other departments of our life.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I request hon. Members to stand in silence for a few minutes and pass the Resolution unanimously.

The Resolution was carried *nem. con.*, all the Members standing in silence for a few minutes.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : As a mark of respect to the late Sri T. Prakasam, the House will now adjourn and meet again at 4 p.m.

The House then adjourned.

(The House re-assembled at 4 p.m.).

II.—SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBER.

Sri S. N. Venugopal was sworn in.

III.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Question No. 3.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I request that this question may be taken up a little later.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Yes.

Teaching of subjects in Higher Forms of Secondary Schools

* 4 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state with reference to the answers to Legislative Council Question No. 65 on the supplementaries thereon given on 28th September 1956—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the managements and teachers about the difficulties felt in the enforcement of the order that teachers handling Higher Forms of Secondary Schools could teach only the subjects studied by them in their degree course; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Representations have been made to the Director of Public Instruction in the matter.

(*b*) The Government consider that it may not be desirable to modify the existing procedure. Inspecting Officers are, however, competent to grant temporary exemptions in deserving cases.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that this procedure was brought anew only last year or so?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Good things can be brought at any time.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Are the Government aware of the fact that on account of this order many experienced B.T. teachers who had handled particular subjects for a number of years and who had been even Assistant Examiners in those subjects are now declared unqualified to teach those subjects and the managements are threatening them with termination of service?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: That is why discretion has been given to the Inspecting Officers so that in deserving cases exemptions could be given to those who have already had sufficiently long number of years of service. I am sure the Inspecting Officers will exercise their discretion in their favour.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Are the Government aware of the fact that in the choice of subjects in the B.T. course, degree-holders were specially allotted subjects which they took in their Intermediate course as sufficient number of candidates with such subjects in the degree course were not forthcoming and when that is not the fault of the teachers, how can the Government just say that it is proper and pass an order to that effect and also say that it is good to pass such an order at any time?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The point for consideration is this. With regard to teaching particular subjects—especially Science subjects—it would be good if the person concerned had specialized in the subject in the Degree course. That is the intention of the Government. That is why we have passed that order. If it is not possible to get a person with that particular qualification, we have given discretion to our Inspecting Officers to give exemption. If there is any hardship caused to anybody, certainly it could be brought to the notice of the Inspecting Officers or the Director of Public Instruction who would look into the matter. As far as I can see, I think it should be possible to fulfil the conditions laid down in the rule.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Is it not a fact that the selection authorities in the Teachers' College just had the Intermediate qualification as the basis for admission to the B.T. class and if that be so, is it not the duty of the Government to see that these teachers are not affected?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It is not the intention of the Government to disturb the existing cases. As a matter of fact, we want this to be borne in mind when recruiting teachers in future. In issuing instructions to the Inspecting Officers, we have kept this in mind, viz., that the existing arrangements need not be unnecessarily disturbed.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Even then, is it necessary that this order should be passed and then exemption applied for and granted at the discretion of the Inspecting Officers?